

Amendments to the specification:

Rewrite page 5, 1st complete ¶, as:

This work made it possible to isolate two nucleic fragments of interest for the detection of EHECs and more particularly for the detection of *E. coli* O157 :H7, comprising the nucleic sequences SEQ ID No. 1 and SEQ ID No. 2, situated on the enterohaemolytic plasmid of 60 MDa. The corresponding clones pDF3 and pDF4 containing these sequences were deposited at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes of Institut Pasteur, 25 rue du Dr Roux, 75724 Paris Cédex 15, France, respectively under the numbers I-1999 and I-2000, on 26 March 1998.